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ABSORBENT STRUCTURES

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Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A filled-in modified PTO-1449 form listing all of the documents cited in this Statement and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

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Applicant requests the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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